Cooperation in Steel Sector

†2572. SHRI DILIP SINGH RJDEV : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state;

(a) the names of such countries who are either co-operating or wish to co-operate the steel sector;

(b) the number of such units who are extending cooperation at present with the present production capacity thereof

(c) whether any agreement have been signed with all such countries who are interested to cooperate m this field; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI DILEP RAY): (a) to (d) India has signed inter-governmental cooperation agreements/MoUs, with Russia, China and Iran in steel sector. These agreements *inter-alia* include the following issues;

(i) Support and encourage steel enterprises and companies in the steel sector to participate in mutual trade and cooperation.

(ii) Promote exports of raw material for steel making and finished steel from India.

(iii) Promote the exchange and transfer of improved iron and steel making technologies.

(iv) Exchange information and literature to apprise each other of the developments in the iron and steel industry in both countries.

Steel Plants and Rolling Mills in Pubic Sector

2573. SHRI P. SOUNDARARAJ AN : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) how many steel plants and rolling mills are there in public sector;

(b) the details of such plants with capacities;

(c) the profit/loss made by each of these plants during the last three years; and

(d) which are the plants declared/likely to be declared sick with the reasons therefor ?

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.